

MANCHU DYNASTY WILL ABDICATE

INTERESTS TO BE LOOKED AFTER AS TO FREIGHT RATES

General Assurance Is Given Merchants By Officials

FULL DISCUSSION HAD

Except a general promise that the interests of Bisbee merchants would be taken care of by the El Paso and Southwestern, General Traffic Manager A. N. Brown, of the Southwestern, made no definite promise to the committee that waited on him at the Copper Queen hotel parlor yesterday at noon.

The committee that had been appointed by President O'Connell of the Bisbee board of trade to interview General Traffic Manager Brown and General Passenger Agent Eugene Fox was composed of Judge O'Connell, Ben Frankenberg, James Henderson, Secretary Ruth, of the business men's protective association, and John Rollins. Mr. Rollins, on the Southwestern, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent Garnet King was present during the conference.

No specific complaints were made to the officials regarding freight rates. When Judge O'Connell made the call for a mass meeting, it was expected that those who held that they had not been dealt with fairly in the matter of freight rates from the east would be present at that meeting and furnish data to the committee to interview the officials. At that meeting, however, only about half a dozen were present, so at the conference yesterday the committee merely presented a request for a cheaper freight rate on commodities from El Paso to Bisbee and between immediate points on the Southwestern in Arizona, making the general statement that the present rates were too high, and asking for a general reduction.

Mr. Brown replied that he thought the rate from El Paso west was fair in the face of the earnings of the western division, and in the face of the present financial condition of the country. Judge O'Connell, who acted as spokesman for the committee, prefaced his statement with the suggestion that business in the out-west was improving. Mr. Brown replied that while reports had been made to him by the traffic department field men were to the effect that business conditions were improving in Bisbee, the stimulus had not yet been felt in the receipts of the railroad company, and replying to Mr. Frankenberg's request for cheaper rates on the general ground of the cost of living, the traffic manager replied that the railroads, as well as the consumer, felt that depression, and that it was no argument for a reduction in freight rates.

Commodities are discussed. Various items of freight, commodities, were discussed by and on behalf of the committee and the officials, but the latter were apparently convinced of the justice of their present rates, and gave no intimation of a decrease in freight rates.

General Traffic Manager Brown, however, said that he was of the opinion that conditions that will soon come about will materially reduce freight rates both east and west. "This matter of freight rates is no longer a matter of railroad competition," he said, "but a matter of competing producers and manufacturers. The Tucson extension is bound to reduce your freight rates from California points, and then the eastern and middle western producers of the things that you use will be after us with the statement that we are running them out of business. I make this statement with no great degree of comfort, but we realize that the condition will arise just the same."

Wait upon Courts. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Fox prefaced the entire discussion with the statement that it would not be politic to make any changes in the freight rates at this time, as the whole matter of freight rates had been thrown aside by the controversial opinions rendered by the interstate commerce commission and the commerce court. The matter of freight rates, they said, can be considered with no degree of finality until the supreme court has sustained one or the other of the investigating bodies. Until this decision gives a balance to the rate situation, all consideration of rates is in a way premature.

Specific complaint was made in the matter of the rate on coal, one of the committeemen citing the high cost of coal in Bisbee, to-wit, \$14 per ton. Mr. Fox, figuring the cost at the mine and the cost of freight to Bisbee, argued that the beneficiary in this case was the Bisbee coal dealer, whose profit on a ton of coal, he figured, was approximately five dollars. The present rate on hay from the Gila valley, the officials said, was governed by the limited production of the valley, and that increased production only would warrant a further

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EMPEROR AND DOWAGER ARRANGE DEPARTURE

Terms Offered By Republicans Are Accepted But Premier Will Remain In Charge At Peking Pending the Completion Of Final Arrangements And Restoration Of Peace In China

PEKING, Jan. 13.—The imperial family has decided to abdicate. The empress dowager, recognizing that the government is powerless without foreign financial assistance, of which there is no hope, has asked Yuan Shi Kai to conclude the best possible arrangements in connection with the retirement of the imperial family.

The premier and other government leaders met this afternoon and discussed the best means for providing for the emperor and dowager empress, and also outlined the necessary communication to be made to the republicans.

The premier intends to remain in Peking and retain control, pending final arrangements with the republicans. It is understood the dowers are ready to support him, as they believe he is the only man capable of handling the situation.

Dispatches from the provinces today report much discord and many murders with hundreds of women committing suicide, fearing an advance of the bandits who are committing all kinds of depredations.

The armistice will expire January 15, and it is believed the abdication will be complete before that date.

It is understood tonight that arrangements were made for taking the imperial family to Jehol. The imperial guard will probably act as escort, unless the flight from Peking is made in secret before the actual abdication is announced.

It is said the terms offered by the republicans some time ago have been accepted. These include protection and respect for the imperial family, retention of the palace at Jehol and the summer palace near Peking, while other members of the family are to retain their personal wealth, property and Manchu pensions are to continue for fixed term. Payment of a large annual pension to the court, said to be about \$6,500,000 is provided.

COURT TERM ENDED JURY IS DISMISSED

District Court Criminal Business Ends and Civil to Begin

TOMBSTONE, Jan. 13.—The jury for the October term of the district court were dismissed this afternoon by Judge Doan for the term and departed for their various homes. The criminal cases that were not disposed of were postponed for the term.

The jury in the case of L. S. Herr, charged with a crime against nature after being out over last night came into court today and stated that they were unable to agree and were discharged. It is said that the jury stood ten to two for conviction.

The case of the Territory vs. James Sharro, charged with shooting Andy Setton was also continued.

E. R. Wyatt, who pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, was sentenced to serve a term of two years.

Civil Term This Week. Court adjourned this afternoon until next Wednesday the 17th, at which time the court will begin the trial of civil cases.

The case of the Territory vs. Elito Hernandez, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was dismissed upon motion of the district attorney. The continuing of the cases over for the term will give District Attorney-elect Gilmore plenty of work to begin on, there will be three murder cases to come up before the new court officials; J. Reynoux, alias John Smith, charged with the murder of Constable Frank Trask at Benson; L. Bonaburke and Walter Gripen, charged with the murder of Rinehart at Pinalville and the Harvey Hughes case from Lowell besides several other cases including two of embezzlement.

There are already held to await the action of the next grand jury several cases so that the new officials will not be lacking in work for a number of weeks when the new court convenes.

Churches in Texas Suspend Services

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 12.—The publicity aimed at the control of spinal meningitis here, has developed a public sentiment, physicians say, which compels the enforcement of quarantine and makes concealment of the disease next to impossible. Several theatrical companies which were to tour Texas in the near future have cancelled their arrangements because physicians have advised the avoidance of public gatherings. Clergymen of Gainesville, Texas, have decided to discontinue, temporarily, the services in the various churches.

REST IS TAKEN BY INDIANAPOLIS JURY

Dynamite Inquiry Rests Presence of Woman Explained

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13.—One reason why Mrs. Orville McManigal was brought here to testify before the federal grand jury investigating the nationwide dynamite plot, it was learned today, pertained to the manner in which J. J. McNamara was arrested. While McManigal was kept secretly in one room at home, by a detective in Chicago last April, plans were laid to see what McNamara would do if he heard the dynamite was in trouble. Mrs. McManigal, accordingly, was sent to visit McNamara at the office of the International Structural Iron Workers, in Indianapolis, to ask him for financial aid for her husband. According to the woman's story, McNamara gave her \$50, and said, "Tell him to keep his mouth shut, and everything will come out all right." McNamara's arrest followed three days later.

No witnesses were heard by the jury today.

ARIZONA PIONEER IS MIGHTY PARTICULAR

Old Timer Refuses Handshake to Visiting Englishman

PRESCOTT, Jan. 11.—Sir Gilbert Parker, English novelist, member of parliament, who has been visiting here met a unique rebuff today at the Arizona Pioneers' Home. All the inmates of the home, many of them grizzled old veterans of the exciting early days in Arizona, had been presented to the novelist, except James O'Donnell, one of the earliest white men of the state. When O'Donnell was introduced, he asked: "You English?" "Yes," replied the visitor. "Then I won't shake hands," announced O'Donnell. "I'm Irish." "But I'm half Irish myself," protested Parker. "Shake hands." "I'll never shake hands as long as there is a drop of English blood in your veins," roared the old pioneer. Parker laughed good naturedly, saying he would have a new story for T. P. O'Connor, at home, but Major Doran, superintendent of the home reported the incident to Governor Sloan and to the chief of staff of the army at Washington.

WEST POINT, Jan. 13.—The semi-annual examination at West Point proved disastrous to thirty-one members of the largest fourth class ever gathered at the institution. They have been ordered to go to their homes.

THIRTY-ONE "FLUNK"

Conditions Shown to be Growing More Terrifying

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 13.—Another case and two deaths were reported today of meningitis. For twenty-four hours there were three new cases, and three deaths occurred.

RECOVERY OF BOYD SEEMS LIKELY SAYS ATTENDING DOCTOR

Wounded Man Rallies and Only Fear Now Is Blood Poison

NO BAIL FOR CORKELL

Pete Corkell was formally charged with assaulting Bob Boyd with the intent to commit murder, in Judge T. D. Hurdick's justice court late yesterday afternoon. Corkell was taken from the branch county jail before the justice, and the date of the preliminary trial set for Monday morning at ten o'clock.

The complaint was sworn to by Officer C. N. Thomas, following a consultation with a representative of the district attorney's office. It is likely that the hearing will be postponed Monday, unless there is a marked change in the condition of Boyd.

Bail Bond Is Refused. Judge Hurdick refused to consider the matter of bond until the ultimate damage of the bullets could be more accurately ascertained. Following the reading of the complaint and the setting of the preliminary, Corkell was remanded to jail.

Corkell will not lack friends in his trouble, apparently. A number of applications for permission to see him in his cell at the jail were made by friends yesterday, and requests were made for permission to take food to him.

W. G. Gilmore, county attorney-elect, who will probably have been inducted into office by the time the case gets to the district court, if the preliminary results in the man's being found over to the grand jury, will be here Monday to conduct the preliminary on the part of the territory.

Boyd May Recover. Boyd's condition was described by Dr. Herndon, of the Copper Queen staff, last night as being "fairly good," the wounded man having had a good day yesterday.

The most serious wound inflicted on Boyd was the right chest. The bullet entered the upper right chest just below the collar bone, and ranged downward and outward, passing through the lung. The leaden missile had not been located yesterday.

The second bullet entered the left thigh, ranging downward and inward. It passed out and entered the leg again below the knee.

A third bullet went through the left thumb, and broke the bone into bits.

It was stated by the physician last night that unless there was some kind of infection, like blood poisoning, Boyd would probably recover, although such a complication may arise.

Fisher's Escape Narrow. Fisher, who it was said was talking to Boyd when the shooting occurred, will live a long time before he will be as close to death and come back as he did Friday night, the night of the shooting at the Turf saloon.

A fractional deflection of the bullet, a slight turn of the body or of the pistol would have killed him. He came within an inch of sudden and instant death, the bullet being the distance the bullet missed the most vital organ of the body, the heart.

As it was, the bullet entered and came out of the fleshy part of the left breast, plunging its way an inch above the heart.

Boyd Cool and Steady. Early yesterday morning at the hospital it was thought that Boyd could not long survive, and an officer was sent for to take Boyd's dying statement. The usual formalities of this solemn proceeding were gone through with.

Boyd remained cool and collected when told that he was near to death, and in a steady but weak voice replied to the questions asked, the queries being put twice for the sake of accuracy. When at the end, when he had made the statement that it was feared would be his last, he was too weak to write his name or to make his mark by his signature. Three witnesses, however, heard the statement.

The statement was not made public yesterday, as the wounded man had rallied to a certain degree. It is said, however, that the statement added nothing material to the information possessed by officers. It is said that Boyd made one reservation in his statement. During the formality of taking down his words, he is said to have said, "I have a secret, but I will die with it in my breast."

MENINGITIS IN DALLAS

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A PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITY



Gov. Judson Harmon

Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio Who Will This Week Speak in Several Cities of the West.

NEAR FIGHT STIRS HOUSE OF CONGRESS

Representatives in Heat of Debate Come Close to Fisticuffs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A battle of words between Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky and M. B. Madden of Illinois, came near resulting in a battle with fists in the house today, while the district of Columbia appropriation bill was being discussed.

Johnson had objected to \$360 for a motorcycle, for elevator inspectors, and Madden at once accused him of endangering the lives of people because the inspectors are not able to get around to all the buildings.

"The other day the gentleman from Illinois objected to giving protection to women and children crossing street car tracks, in order to save money for the corporation," said Johnson.

"The gentleman is mistaken. I'm here to defend no corporation," rejoined Madden.

"If this were a corporation whose assets were assailed," said the Kentuckian, "I do not doubt that the gentleman from Illinois would come here and ask for its protection."

"I take exception to the remarks of the gentleman from Kentucky," shouted Madden.

"Take your exceptions outside," said Johnson advancing down the aisle.

"I'm no prize fighter," said the Illinoisian as he took his seat.

"Come on now," insisted Johnson, "any coward can sit down and laugh."

Here friends intervened, and later both apologized.

COLD STILL HOLDS TRAFFIC HELPLESS

Conditions in East Still Bad But Improvement Is Near

DENVER, Jan. 12.—With the exception of trains from the west, railroad service into Denver is badly demoralized because of the extreme weather conditions, particularly in western Kansas. Trains from the east, north and south are arriving from six hours to two days late. In some instances all pretense of maintaining a schedule is abandoned. The Santa Fe Flyer due here last Thursday is still stalled in high snow banks in western Kansas. Two Union Pacific trains due here yesterday are now more than 30 hours late.

USE SCHOOLS AS SHELTER.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 13.—The board of education today authorized the opening of all public school buildings to those who have no place to stay during the cold spell. The buildings will be open day and night and those who desire to enter while the classes are in session will be taken to the basements. The wives of janitors cure for the women who may apply for shelter.

It is stated tonight that all western roads will be open by tomorrow. Ashland, Kans., has had no trains for eight days and food and fuel supplies are short. There is also a shortage of burial caskets as the many deaths since the cold snap has used up the stock on hand.

FALSE PRICE FOR MEAT IS MADE EVIDENT

Government Shows Secret Methods of Packers to Extort High Profits

SYSTEM USED WAS WELL CONCEALED

Losses Charged on Hides and Fats Were Actual Profits Made

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—The government attorneys prosecuting the Chicago meat packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, brought out today the first direct evidence by which they expect to show the packers concealed their profits and set up a false cost price upon which to base the price at which the retailers got their supplies.

The packers charged off, as loss, four to six cents a pound for hides and three cents for fat. Consumers had to pay for this supposed loss. In reality the packers received from hides and up to six cents a pound for fat, besides the alleged mythical losses which they charged up against the consumer.

This is the government's contention as supported by the figures offered in evidence today. By this system, the government tried to show a false cost price was set, and hidden, and an excessive profit obtained.

H. G. Timmins, chief accountant of Morris and Company, was the principal witness in today's hearing.

STEEL TRUST IS ASSAILED

Branders Terms Corporation Prince of Paupers and Shows Its Failures

REGULATION HIS PLEA

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The monopolistic trusts of this country have failed of success both in economic and social efficiency. L. D. Brandeis, of Boston, declared tonight in an address at the republican club. He denounced the steel trust as "a typical example of this failure, and advocated the La Follette bill as preventive of the formation of trusts, and made a plea for regulated competition as against regulated monopoly."

"Economically the steel trust has failed to keep abreast of the times," he declared. "It has failed to hold America's proportion of the foreign steel market, as the great growth of German and English export trade proves. It has failed to hold its own proportion of the domestic market. In spite of its additional purchase of competing plants. It has also failed to maintain its own percentage of the earlier years of profit on the capital invested."

"Socially its record is even worse. While it has accumulated for or disbursed to its stockholders in ten years more than \$650,000,000 in excess of fair returns upon its capital, and has enriched its promoters, it has subjected the laborer to grossly excessive toil, and deprived him of his industrial liberty. Having driven out unionism, it taught the American worker what an ironmaster really is. To work twelve hours a day, seven days a week, with an occasional twenty-four hour day when shifts are changed, not only makes men old at forty, but destroys the race physically, intellectually and morally. The steel trust has sinewed been the price and the purveyor."

HUSBAND TAKES REVENGE

Man who Abducted Married Woman from Hospital Is Shot to Death

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 13.—A. G. Boyce, father of the young man who was recently arrested at Winnipeg charged with the abduction of Mrs. J. B. Sneed from a hospital here, was shot and killed tonight by Sneed, the husband of the woman, in the crowded lobby of a hotel. Sneed entered the hotel, and saw Boyce sitting in a chair. The two talked a moment, and then Sneed fired six shots. He was arrested.

BREAKS SPEED RECORD

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Jules Vedrines, a French aviator, beat the world's speed record today by covering 142 kilometers and 150 meters (about 88 1/2 miles) in an hour, in a monoplane at the aerodrome here.

Wool Tariff No Benefit To Them

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 13.—General disturbances by dissatisfied textile workers occurred here today. Objections were raised by women workers to the decreased amounts in their pay envelopes, and they started a demonstration. One of the women was arrested on the charge of assault, and missiles were thrown at the windows of the Everett mills, breaking half a dozen panes of glass. The crowd then moved toward the Woodmen mills, where men were arrested after chunks of ice had been thrown. The Everett Mills shut down at noon. About 5,000 operatives are on strike, and as many more have been forced into idleness.